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STARVATION INCREASES! FIGHT AGAINST IT ON MAY 1st!

To All Workers!

MAY DAY APPEAL OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL

THE Executive Committee of the Communist International issued the following May Day appeal: Workers of the World!

Capitalism never before revealed its own bankruptcy and class brutality so clearly as in the present tremendous crisis, unparalleled in world history.

Hunger, misery, brutal wage-cuts, wholesale dismissals, reduction of social insurance, intolerable taxation, reaction, fascism, war, impoverishment of the colonies—that is imperialism's policy seeking an outlet from the crisis.

Have the toilers another outlet from the crisis of unemployment, starvation, and misery? Yes. The Communist International, party of the proletarian world revolution, shows the way out.

The way out is by the overthrow of the bourgeois dictatorship and the establishment of proletarian dictatorship, socialism.

The example of the Soviet Union shows convincingly the correct way out for the toilers.

In the capitalist countries thousands of factories are closing, whilst in the Soviet Union socialist industry is developing at a tremendous pace. In the Soviet Union there is no unemployment. 2,000,000 extra workers were used there this year. New towns are arising on former desert land. Socialist cultural, industrial, agricultural giants are arising everywhere. Modern technique and socialist organization of labor is replacing the grinding toil of the peasants and leading millions of collectivists on the broad path of well being and culture. Wages are increasing unceasingly. Social insurance benefits are likewise increasing. The whole of industry is adopting the seven-hour day. The socialist offensive is exterminating the last roots of capitalism. The last exploiters are disappearing. The kulaks are being liquidated as a class on the basis of solid collectivization.

Under capitalism ruthless political terror is raging everywhere. With assistance from the fascists, and the social fascists, the bourgeoisie are crushing strikes, drowning demonstrations in blood, destroying revolutionary organizations, crippling the proletarian press, and oppressing revolutionary peasants.

The oppressed peoples of National minorities are groaning under the Versailles yoke. In the Soviet Union hundreds of nationalities formerly oppressed under czarism, now freed by the proletarian revolution, have organized themselves into a brotherly union utilizing the Social National Emancipation in order to achieve ceaseless economic cultural progress.

Advantages of planned socialist economy over capitalist anarchy were never more plainly revealed as today. The imperialists, therefore, fear the success of socialism in the Soviet Union and are preparing feverishly for war, and intervention.

Workers of the world Imperialism is preparing to overthrow the Soviet Union and to establish a military dictatorship which will restore capitalism and again enslave the peoples freed by the November Revolution. They plot to convert the Soviet Union into a capitalist colony whilst they are intensifying the slavery of the workers in the capitalist countries. The imperialist plans are fully supported by International Social Democracy.

Workers, especially social democrats, expose the socialist leaders! Demand a reckoning for the shameful scabbing in the Ruhr, Lancashire, South Wales, French miners' strike for supporting the bourgeoisie to carry out wage cuts, and cut social benefits, for supporting the Bruening Government of Germany which is introducing the fascist dictatorship with hunger and terror.

Demand a reckoning from the Second International for the dastardly treachery of the agents of the French General Staff, Boncour and Blum; for the attitude of the British Labor Government which imprisoned fifty thousand Indian freedom fighters; for participating in the intervention preparations; for the shameful treachery of the Russian menshevists; for supporting Chiang Kai Shek; for the treachery of the Spanish socialists, who facilitated the fascist victory at the highest point of the revolution.

Workers, social democrats! Abandon the socialist parties. Leave the Second International! Turn your backs on the international scabs, police, presidents, interventionists. The Second International is nothing but a contemptible ally of dying capitalism.

Workers of the world! It depends upon you whether the socialists succeed in saving capitalism, from a proletarian revolution as in 1918.

Capitalist stabilization is ending. The Versailles system is collapsing. There is uncertainty in the imperialist camp. It depends on you whether capitalism finds a capitalist way out from this crisis.

Workers of the World. Form revolutionary united fronts of workers, and oppressed peoples of the world against the exploiters.

The workers, and collectivist peasants of the Soviet Union are replying to the intervention threat with bolshevist tempo of development, and formation of housands tof new shock groups, building hundreds of new facories, power stations, mines, collectives, by consolidating the fighting strength of the Red Army.

On May Day the workers of the world will march under the fighting banner of the Communist International. Against imperialist interventionist preparations! Against white terror of bourgeois reaction! Against fascism, social fascism! Against capitalism, the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie! For the Soviet Union! For Soviet China! For the dictatorship of the proletariat! For Communism!

Defend the Soviet Union!

ON page 4 today the Daily Worker gives a complete picture of the participation by the capitalist government of this country in the anti-Soviet war and intervention plots of world imperialism.

On page 1 there is exposed a concrete case of forgery and war propaganda against the Soviet Union, a propaganda that is aimed to influence the toiling masses of America against the First Republic of Workers' and Peasants.'

There is a pleasant fiction broadcast by the capitalist press and fervently supported by the lying social fascist "socialists," along with all rag-tag and bob-tail brands of "pacifist" spreaders of confusion, to the effect that while American capitalists "don't like" Bolshevism and the American capitalist government will not recognize the Soviet Union—still "there is no war plot" against the Soviet.

The exposures in today's issue prove otherwise and give their own lesson. But it is necessary here to mention another liar, Walter Duranty, Moscow correspondent of the N. Y. Times, who has tried to ascribe to "fantasy" the revelations in Soviet papers of the role of the American Farm Board as a supply organization for imperialist intervention and war against the Soviet Union.

The exposure we publish today cannot be laughed off as a "fantasy." And the same Walter Duranty is compelled to report in the N. Y. Times of Monday, that the Soviet Union is not taking the hostile moves of the Hoover government against it lightly, **nor is it taking them laying down.**

But the danger of war against the Soviet Union grows daily! Precisely because the Soviet Union, with unemployment wiped out, with the 7-hour day, a rising wage scale and its Five Year Plan of socialist construction independent of imperialist domination, is a beacon light to the workers of all the world, American capitalism is mobilizing for war against it!

American capitalism would destroy that beacon light! And it is the deepest duty of the American working class to say "No"! To defend the Soviet Union! To let the war makers at Washington and in Wall Street know that a war against the Workers' Republic will establish a revolutionary fighting front in defense of the Soviet Union in every American factory, mill, mine and regiment! And it is the duty of American workers in the May First demonstrations to shout so that all may hear—**Down with imperialist war! We will defend the Soviets!**

Anti-Soviet Photo Forgeries Incite to War! Strike and Protest May 1 Against War Makers!

RED RUSSIA'S LUMBER CAMPS WHERE PENAL SERVITUDE REVIVES OPPRESSION WORSE THAN THE KNOUT!

By James B. Gibson

STOP BOSS COURT FRAME-UP TODAY!

Workers, Defend Three Arrested Saturday

NEW YORK.—Not content with having used their police in a murderous attack on the white and Negro workers who joined in the big Harlem parade Saturday which protested the frame-up and attempted legal lynching of the nine Negro boys in Scottsboro, Alabama, the Tammany courts will today (Tuesday) try to send three of the workers to jail. The three arrested workers are John Tsernorius, Philip Spector and Dmitri Paulas. The charge against them is felonious assault. They will receive a hearing at 10 o'clock this morning in the magistrate's court at 455 West 151st Street.

Allan Taub, attorney for the New York district of the International Labor Defense will defend them. All workers are urged to pack the court room in demonstration against this open collaboration between Tammany and the lynch courts of the southern bosses.

The parade on Saturday was led by August Yokinen, Finnish worker, whom the boss government is trying to deport because of his repudiation of the boss poison of race prejudice and his solidarity with the Negro workers. The Finnish Workers Club of Harlem, participated in a body, marching with the parade to 110th St. and Fifth Ave. where a demonstration was held.

The workers of New York will answer the attack on Saturday's protest parade with a monster demonstration, which will begin at 12 noon on May First in Madison Square Park, 25th St. and Madison Ave.

Tales of Soviet "Horrors" Exposed As Capitalist Lies

Slave Laborer Under Lash in Delaware; But Forgers Picture It As in the Soviet Union! Smash the War Propaganda on May First!

By HARRISON GEORGE

Workers, look at the picture given above! It is the photographic reproduction of a double-page display story, printed on pages 8-M and 9-M of the New York Evening Graphic magazine section on Saturday, Feb. 28, 1931.

Read the screaming headline, workers! "Red Russia's Lumber Camps, Where Penal Servitude Revives Oppression Worse Than the Knout!"

This, workers is the typical anti-Soviet and anti-Communist propaganda that is being given to you by the capitalist papers of this country. It tells you that the life of the workers in the Soviet Union is terrible. But it is a lie! And we will prove it!

It tells you this lie in photographs, because you might believe photographs even though you would not believe the words of the story. But there is a lie in every photograph! They are forged! Read the proof!

Look at the picture shown in the center of the Evening Graphic pages! Underneath it is a caption of five lines, which says:

"WOMEN WORKING in the salt fields at Solinen, on the Black Sea, show how desperate the Soviet is to get caught up with its five-year plan, the failure of which will destroy the government. Left, a photo of political prisoners working in the lumber camps amid ice and snow."

Now, workers, what is the truth? The truth of the picture showing women working is, that it was taken before the Russian workers overthrew the Czar and the capitalists! It was taken before the World War! **It was taken before the Soviet Government was in existence!** You will find a

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In Today's 'Worker,' Browder's Expose of Anti-Soviet War Plot

What American imperialism is doing in the war preparations against the Soviet Union. Earl Browder, in a special article printed on the last page of today's issue of the Daily Worker, gives the most complete answer to this question yet written.

Turn now to this article. Spread it among your fellow workers. Get more copies of the Daily Worker and distribute them.

Perth Amboy Workers Meet Tonight to Fight Two Frame-up Cases

PERTH AMBOY, N. J., April 27.—Workers! Come to Washington Hall, 179 Fayette St., Perth Amboy, tonight at 7 p.m. to protest the attempt to burn five of your fellow workers in the electric chair in this state, to protest the attempt to burn nine of your Negro fellow workers' children in the electric chair in Alabama!

Both the Paterson case and the Scottsboro case are frame ups!

In Paterson the silk mill owners are trying to murder five militant pickets, accusing them of a murder committed by gangsters, rival bootleggers of the boss who was killed.

In Scottsboro, lynch law justice is using the Jim Crow courts to murder nine Negro boys, all under 20 years of age, for a crime that was never committed, and just to keep the Negro workers in terror.

Admission free to Negro and white men and women workers!

GIVE YOUR ANSWER TO HOOVER'S PROGRAM OF HUNGER, WAGE CUTS AND PERSECUTION!

Mother of Haywood Patterson Appeals for United Effort to Save Lives of 9 Scottsboro Boy Victims

"Haywood Is an All Right Boy, Always Minded Me," Mrs. Patterson Tells Workers' Press —Left Home Job Hunting to Help Starving Family of 8

By CYRIL BRIGGS.

NEW YORK.—"Haywood is an all right boy, would always mind me," Mrs. Janie Patterson, mother of one of the nine Scottsboro, Alabama, victims told representatives of the workers' press yesterday.

Mrs. Patterson, a quiet, gentle little woman of 44, who started working in the cotton fields of Georgia when she was only 8 years of age, spoke quietly and without hysteria. Inspired by the militant solidarity of white and Negro workers in the struggle to smash the frightful frame-up and railroading to the electric chair of her 17 year old son along with seven other Negro boys, and confident in the knowledge that the International Labor Defense is using every weapon at its command in the demand for a new trial, Mrs. Patterson is bearing up bravely under the terrible ordeal of having a sentence of death hanging over the head of her innocent boy.

Tells How Son Left Home to Help Family

With tears in her eyes but speaking quietly and coherently she told of how Haywood, spurred by the misery and starvation of his parents and five other children, one a grandchild of five years, hunted day after day for a job in Chattanooga, and finally discouraged but still determined to help ease the terrific burden of his parents, striving to support a family of eight on $7 a week, decided to extend his hunt for work beyond Cattanooga.

"And then the next day we heard of his arrest. He would not have left home if I had told him not to," she continued regretfully. "Haywood is an all right boy, would always mind me. But he said, 'Mama, you know you need help. You know we all need clothes.' No, he was not glad to go away from home. He just saw how terrible things were and wanted to help."

Father Only One Working.

While most of her children are grown up, work is as scarce, or scarcer, in Chattanooga as throughout the country. Only her husband, Claude Patterson, was working. And only part time. Three days a week at $7 a week. Out of the $7 they have to

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Relief Cut Down In 61 Cities; Pay Cuts Everywhere

Millions Starve; Millions More on Part Time Work; Misery of Jobless Is Weapon of Bosses to Slash Wages

May First Demonstrations Lead to Hunger Marches on Capitals of Three Lake States

Demand Unemployment Insurance! World Wide Demonstrations and One Day Strike On May 1; Back It with Organization!

Fight starvation by a one-day strike and mass demonstrations on May First! International Labor Day this year is a world wide protest against the actual killing by mass hunger of thousands of unemployed workers, against the desperate misery and half starvation of tens of millions, against the lowering of the standards of living of tens of millions more in all capitalist countries by wage cuts and speed-up and part time work and long hours for those who actually have jobs.

Over ten million of the totally unemployed, the same number of part time workers, are in United States.

According to the statement yesterday of the United States Employment Service (which gives no employment) there are 61 cities, the biggest in the country, which are either cutting off relief to the jobless or reducing it during the last two weeks in April. According to government figures, which tell only half the story, two cities now cut off 41 to 50 per cent of the private "family" relief they have been giving; one city cuts off 31 to 40 per cent; three cut off 11 to 20 per cent, and the rest 10 per cent. The relief they were giving involved forced labor, and was relief for only an insignificant portion of the jobless. New York is an example. Only 25,000 significant portion of the jobless, the five boroughs were given jobs, and the last of these are now being fired, most were fired weeks ago.

During the first half of April 11, cities cut relief by more than 40 per cent; 25 cut from 11 to 40 per cent, and 19 cut up to 10 per cent, by admission of Hoover's unemployment expert Col. Woods.

Starvation Plot.

U. S. Senator La Folette, who has done absolutely nothing to get unemployment insurance admitted in a speech yesterday in Brooklyn that end of the depression is not in sight, that a generally lower standard of living is the proposal of "those who wish to saddle the whole burden of depression on the rank and file." And that is why they cut off what relief was being given, to starve and if need be kill the jobless in order to be able to cut wages everywhere!

Protest On May First!

Every mass demonstration on May First is a flaming protest against this ruthless attack, this actual killing of the workers for the sake of profits.

Following the demonstrations, there will be May 2, five lines of hunger marchers from different corners of the state of Ohio, to the state capital to demand unemployment insurance. For the same purpose, and starting at the same time, there will be four lines of hunger marchers, from four different parts of Indiana to the state capital. On May 10, there will be a united front conference in Detroit to arrange for a state hunger march to demand insurance for the jobless, on May 27.

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New York workers will mass in Madison Square and 23rd St. at 12:30 in the afternoon on May 1. From there they will march to Union Sq.

(Additional News of New York May 1 Demonstration on Page 2.)

ADMIT IMPORT OF SOVIET LUMBER

Treasury Says No "Forced Labor"

WASHINGTON, April 27.—A shipload of Soviet lumber aboard the steamship Anversoise, which was sent here as a test case against the so-called "forced labor" charge, was admitted today on order of Under Secretary of the Treasury Ogden Mills.

In order to get out of the embarrassin gsituation of being forced to permit the lumber in, the treasury officials deny that this is a test case. The fact is the lumber was sent pecifically by the Soviet Union as a reply to the fake charges of "forced labor."

The treasury officials said their investigation revealed there was no "forced labor" in connection with the shipload of lumber. The lumber is now being unloaded in Providence, R. I.

NEEDLE YOUTH PREPARE FOR MAY DAY

The Youth Department of the Needle Trades Workers' Industrial Union will hold a mass meeting to which all young needle workers are invited on May Day. The meeting starts at 6:30 p. m. tonight at the union office, 131 W. 28th St

Amter Answers Walker's Tale of Reds Seeking His Removal

"James J. Walker, corrupt mayor of a corrupt capitalist party, sees red," says I. Amter, District Organizer of the Communist Party. "He declares that he is the victim of a 'Communst plot,' and calls Rabbi Wise, Norman Thomas and John H. Holmes 'Reds.'

"The Communists do not claim such miserable capitalist apologists as even sympathetic to the Communist movement. On the contrary, the very proposals of these gentlemen show clearly that they are full supporters of the capitalist system and enemies of the workers. They propose to clean out Walker first, then Tammany Hall, then the Republicans,—and then install a "non-partisan government.'

"The Communist Party tells the workers clearly that there are only two kinds of government—capitalist governments and working class government. The socialists want a non-partisan government, which means a capitalist government.

"Jimmie Walker pretends that the Communists are concocting a plot for his removal and for the defeat of the Tammany machine. The Communist Party makes this clear to Jimmie Walker, the Tammany Hall machine, the Republican and the socialist parties: The revolutionary workers are not out to reform capitalism. We know that no reform of capitalism will help the working class. Capitalism must be destroyed and a Workers' and Farmers' Government be established in place of the capitalist government. We are not non-partisan. We are for the workers and poor farmers. That is why the Communist Party alone is organizing the workers to fight for unemployment relief and insurance, against wage cuts, speed-up and the stagger plan (Wm. Green's five-hour day with corresponding wage reduction). We fight for the seven-hour day and no wage reduction, against persecution of the foreign-born (in

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300 Strike in Lowell Against "Efficiency"

LOWELL, MASS., April 27.—Three hundred men in the Mohair Plush Co. here went on strike Friday morning against wage cuts, stretch-out, lay-offs, and efficiency speed-up schemes. They demand the withdrawal of the efficiency men.

ANSWER THE SOCIALISTS, POLICE AND WHITE GUARD PROVOCATION!

ALL OUT MAY 1 TO MADISON SQ. & 23RD ST. 12:30; PARADE TO UNION SQ.!

CARPENTERS LOCAL IS TO DEMONSTRATE MAY 1 UNDER LOCAL BANNER

Parade Through Section 2 Wednesday Night to Rally All for Demonstration Friday

Veterans of Needle and Food Strikes Will Be In Madison Sq. at 12:30, May 1

NEW YORK. — The carpenters, whose great strike of May 1, 1890, helped to put May Day on the world calendar as International Labor Day are taking an active part in this May First demonstration. Local Union 2090, of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, in spite of the fact that the A. F. L. bureaucracy does not recognize May First, calls all carpenters to Down Tools on May First, and announces that the local will participate as a body in the demonstration arranged by the First of May United Front Conference, in which it participated. All members of the local are called to come at noon on May 1, to 21st St. and Fifth Ave., from where they will march in a body under the banner of the local and with music to Madison Square, and afterwards with all other militant workers, to Union Square.

Attend Local Meeting.

The members are all urged to come to the April 30 meetings of the local, 247 East 84th St., Room 10, where there will be a special speaker, and plans to mobilize May 1 will be made.

The executive committee of the Carpenters' Section of the Trade Union Unity League has issued a call to all other carpenters to likewise meet at the corner of 21st St. and Fifth Ave., at noon on Friday, May 1.

The working class organizations affiliated with the United Front May Day Conference that meet or operate on Manhattan from 14th St. to Harlem are arranging for a parade and demonstration on Wednesday, April 29, at 6:15 from 64 West 22nd St., in preparation for mobilizing for the May 1st demonstration the workers of the neighborhood. These workers suffer from evictions, unemployment, wage cuts, and are forced to pay high rents for miserable tenements or fire traps. The New York workers mobilize May 1 at 12:30 on Madison Square and then parade to Union Square. All working class organizations in the neighborhood are urged by the committee to join the parade Wednesday night which will start from 64 West 22nd St. at 6:15.

The parade will wind up with a huge mass rally that will demand the release of the nine Negro boys at Scottsboro and will protest against the socialist, police and white guard provocation on May Day.

This section of the city, the scene of many stubborn battles of needle and food workers, is preparing energetically for the May Day struggle against wage cuts, lynching and discrimination against the Negro workers, against deportation of the foreign born, against the united front of the socialists, underworld and Tammany thugs in their strike breaking activity among the needle, food, shoe and other industries located in this section.

Rally to the demonstration on 52nd Street and 9th Ave. Join the parade.

Down tools May Day. Demonstrate on Madison Square. March to Union Square.

TRY RAILROAD RED BUILDER

Arrested Saturday for Selling Daily

NEW YORK.—Jack Baldwin, a Red Builder, was arrested Saturday for selling Daily Workers in the subway train. Two detectives, ignoring the news vendors who were selling the capitalist papers, told Baldwin to get off the train with them. On the way to the police station, they told him not to get a lawyer, but to tell the judge his case. The charge was disorderly conduct.

The dicks were peeved, when the worker wise to the ways of the ways of the watch dogs of the bosses, asked for an adjournment of the case until Tuesday. Bail was set at $50.

The trial comes up today in Magistrate's Court at 161st Street and Brook Ave. All workers are urged to be in court to stop this attempt to railroad this worker.

What's On—

TUESDAY

Attention Perth Amboy!
The International Labor Defense is holding a mass protest meeting against the deportation of foreign born workers, at 7 p.m. at the Washington Hall.

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Williamsburg Youth Branch IWO meets at 8:30 p. m. at 261 Tompkins Ave., Brooklyn. All welcome.

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Middle Village Youth Branch IWO meets at 8:30 p. m. at 1 Fulton Ave., Middle Village, Long Island. Interesting discussion.

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WEDNESDAY—

Eugene V. Debs Branch, I. L. D. meets at the Workers Children's School, Cooperative House, 2700 Bronx Park East, at 8:30 p.m.

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Furniture Workers' Indus. League will hold a May Day Mobilization Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the T.U.U.L. Head-quarters, 16 W. 21st St.

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Councils 11 and 22 UCWCW will meet at 2700 Bronx Park East at 8 p. m. to hear a lecture on "The Fight Against Lynchings, Deportations, and Boss Terror" by Moore.

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Barbers' and Hairdressers' Industrial League,
meets at 50 East 15th Street at 2 p. m. All barbers and hairdressers are urged to be present.

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Executive Comm. W. E. S. L. meets at 8 p. m. at 79 E. 10th Street.

East Side Workers Club,
will hold a mass meeting at 196 East Broadway for May Day. All welcome.

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THURSDAY .....

An Open Air Meeting.
in preparation for May Day will be held by the Downtown Workers Club at Clinton and East Broadway.

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May Day Eve Ball and Rally.
given by the Downtown Unemployed Council at the Workers Lab Theatre, 31 W. 28th St., at 8 p. m. Admission 25 cents. At door, 35 cents.

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Esperantists Greet American Workers.
on May First. The New York Workers' Esperantists Group has arranged a discussion on May Day for 8 p. m. at 350 E. 81st St. Greetings from all over the world will be read.

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International Workers Order.
special meeting of English Branch 500 at 8:30 p. m. for the purpose of electing delegates to the National Convention. Verne Smith will talk on "Significance of May Day." All members are expected to attend.

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W.I.R. Rehearsal.
at 8:30 p. m. at 131 W. 28th St. All invited.

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Plumbers and Helpers T.U.U.L.
will hod a special mobilization meeting for May Day at 8 p. m. at 16 W. come and should bring a shopmate 21st Street. Every member must with him.

GAVE TO CHARITY; NOW GIVEN NONE

No Aid to Unemployed Woman from Nursery

NEW YORK.—The Down Town Council of the Unemployed is organizing the tenants of the neighborhood to resist the coming attempt to evict need of solid organization of the unemployed. Leaflets must be distributed, a house committee organized, and meetings held to stop the eviction.

To raise funds for purposes such as this, the Down Town Council is giving a May Day Eve rally and ball at the Workers Laboratory Theatre, 131 West 28th St., Thursday evening. Music will be furnished by a proletarian jazz band. The W. L. T. provides entertainment.

Mrs. Veronica Mesporuk, who has lost her husband and lives with six children and three small sisters at 475 Ninth Ave., third floor, came home yesterday and found that without notice the landlord had had the door broken down and the furniture thrown out in the street. She owes two months' rent at $35 a month, and has been living there eight months. Only two in the family have jobs and they get lo wwages. Only two in the family have jobs, and they get low wages. The Down-Town Unemployed Council sent a committee and put the furniture back in.

This unemployed woman has three children, the eldest three years, and her husband has been jobless for a year. He is a needle worker.

Mrs. Young wanted to leave her children at the Jewish nursery, at Eldridge St. while she looked for work, but they refused because she still lives with her husband. Mrs. Tesnoff, the secretary there told her that she would have to leave her husband if she wants work. Mrs. Young used to give money to various charities when her husband had work.

SCOTTSBORO MEET IN BRONX WED.

NEW YORK.—As part of the campaign to stop the legal lynching of nine Negro youths in Alabama, the Steve Katovis Branch of the International Labor Defense will hold two open air meetings this week; one Wednesday evening at 10th and 2nd Ave., another Thursday evening at 14th and University Place.

In the Bronx, the Sacco-Vanzetti Branch of the I. L. D., together with the Lee Mason Group of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights will hold a joint protest mass meeting Wednesday evening at Ambassador Hall, Claremont Parkway and Third Ave.

Mrs. Patterson, mother of one of the nine innocent Negro boys, facing the electric chair in Alabama, will speak. All workers and sympathizers are urged to attend these meetings and help rally support of these nine youths. Smash the murderous frameup! Stop the legal lynching of nine innocent Negro children! Demand a new trial with a jury of workers, at least half of them Negroes!

ANSWER THE SOCIALISTS, POLICE AND WHITE GUARD PROVOCATION!

THE ADVENTURES OF BILL WORKER

—Who's Dumping, eh?—

By RYAN WALKER

Police and Thugs In Brutal Attack On Pickets

NEW YORK.—A picket was attacked by a policeman and ordered to leave from in front of the Sun Market, 188th St. and St. Nicholas Ave., in the Bronx, Wednesday evening. Another striker urged him to stay, and when the policeman turned to "shellac" this second man, a little fellow, he met with a stout defense. A marine came to help the police, and he and a whole squad of police reinforcements finally beat up the two strikers and they were held for trial at their hearing yesterday. The first man attacked, Max Hubin, is held for "disorderly" and the second, Sam Sherbal, for felonious assault.

Three pickets were arrested Thursday on Paragraph 600 (violation of an injunction) at three different food markets in Brooklyn.

One picket was before the Sun market at 184th St., Thursday, and two sergeants and ten patrolmen came down to beat him up. He was not arrested.

Yesterday two pickets were arrested at the Sun Market where the rfight took place Wednesday, but because of the stout resistance that day the police did not try any rough stuff yesterday.

Foster to Debate Reverand Muste

Plans for the debate between William Z. Foster, General Secretary of the Trade Union Unity League, and A. J. Muste, head of the League for Progressive Labor Action, are being rushed by the John Reed Club, under whose auspices the debate wi'l be held in the New Star Casino on Sunday, May 10, at 2 in the afternoon.

Muste is the leader of the "reform" group in the American Federation of Labor which is deluding the members of the A. F. of L. by radical phrases and actually selling out every strike that they manage to take control of.

The Musteite group openly attacks the revolutionary trade unions affiliated with the Trade Union Unity League. In the South the Musteite group works with the corrupt A. F. of L. officials they "attack" in other parts of the country. It was a fusion of A. F. of L. and Musteite officials that sold out the Elizabethton and Marion strikes and resulted in the killing of six strikers and the wounding of many more.

Foster will prove that the Musteites, despite all their radical talk, are nithing but an anti-working class group of hypocrites.

"Woman Worker" May 1 Issue Out

The New York Working Woman Agents have decided that each unit get at least two new subscribers before May First. Each new subscriber will also take part in the May Day parade and demonstration.

The May issue of the Working Woman, which is just off the press, calls on all its readers all over the country to demonstrate on May First against the high cost of living, the wage cuts, the war preparations, and to rally all forces and carry on the struggle such as the Chicago bread strike, and the Brooklyn meat strike.

All comrades are urged to get new subscriptions and send them in before May First. Write us for free sample.

"Labor Unity" May Day Edition Out

The special May issue of the Labor Unity, official organ of the Trade Union Unity League is off the press. All organizations that have placed their orders should call for their bundle and those organizations that did not as yet place their special order the secretary of labor unity agent should do so at once. The price for this issue is two cents a copy. Order it from the district office of the Labor Unity, 16 W. 21st St., N. Y. C.

"PIONEER" AFFAIR GREAT SUCCESS

Many Hail Children's Magazine

NEW YORK.—In spite of the bad weather Webster Hall was filled with happy singing children Sunday afternoon to greet the new children's magazine, "Pioneer," just off the press.

The curtain rose on a huge edition of the May issue of the magazine with the black and red cover.

The cover opened and the audience of children and adults were breathless. The first page presented sports and not to leave you long in suspense a group of Pioneers, dressed in white and red sports costume, shot right through the page on to the stage and gave a very excellent performance of turning, jumping, wrestling and pyramid building.

The next page of the magazine showed a picture of camp life and a group produced by crossed sticks above bright red electric lights.

The final page represented a public school, through which a large group of children burst on to the stage, tearing the page in every direction, to the delight of the audience. Having freed themselves from the picture and from the public school with one bound on May Day, the whole group proceeded to hold a May Day meeting with banners. This ended with a march, which went off the stage and through the audience and ended the show.

Olgin then spoke. He told the story of a little boy, son of a worker that he had known many years ago before the revolution. This boy had been hurt by a Tsarist soldier, but the boy fought back bravely. This boy, said the speaker, is today an officer in the Red Army. He called upon the children to stand by the workers and to organize the children of the working class. Comrade Olgin then auctioned off the first finished copy of the "Pioneer" to get funds to continue the work.

"Pioneer," children's magazine, certainly went over big. It made a hit on the stage and it certainly will make a hit off the stage. Get your copy before they run out. Stories, camping, poems, sports, everything—only 5 cents a copy.

Amter Answers Walker's Red Tale

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which the Tammany Hall police have played a "noble" part together with the immigration authorities), against jimcrowism and lynching of the Negroes (in this, too, the Tammany police played their part in trying to break up the demonstration in Harlem last Saturday of white and Negro workers, who were protesting against the intended electrocution of the nine Scottsboro Negro boys).

"The Communist Party is organizing the workers against imperialist war, for support of the revolutionists of Nicaragua (whom the Hoover government, with its hands dripping with the blood of the workers and peasants of Haiti, Porto Rico, the Philippines and China have the nerve to call "bandits!" The Communist Party is organizing the workers against armed intervention in the Soviet Union.

"With this the sainly reverends, Norman Thomas, J. H. Holmes and Wise, have nothing in commo. Their role is to betray the workers who want to fight. Their role is to pretend to want to reform capitalism, to clean out corrupt administrations, so that the workers will continue to accept the system that means only suffering and misery for them and their families.

"Walker sees 'red,' for he knows that the workers are turning to the Communist Party. He and his capitalist bosses of Wall Street know that the white and Negro workers, native and foreign born, are getting together for struggle. They know that huger will not down—and that the Communist Party leading the struggle will not only overthrow Walker, but the entire capitalist system—and with it the Holmeses, Wises, Thomases, Hillquits, and all other supporters of this damnable system of capitalist exploitation."

3 More Days to May 1st; Speed Up Preparations

With only three more days left to May Day, the final preparations and organization steps are being made in hundreds of cities throughout the country to bring out masses of workers against unemployment, wage cuts, and for the defense of the Soviet Union. Despite the fact that in many cities the police are refusing permits for open air demonstrations these will be held nevertheless.

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20 Meets in Pittsburgh District

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Nearly twenty May Day demonstrations are being arranged in this district and strenuous efforts are being made to bring out huge masses of employed and unemployed workers on this day of struggle against unemployment.

In Western Pennsylvania, the mass meetings will hear the reports of the returned hunger marchers, who will tell of the answer of Pinchot and the legislature to the demands of the steel workers and coal miners who numbered 125 from this district. The list of meetings in Western Pennsylvania is as follows:

Pittsburgh—May 1st at 1 p. m. at East Park (Cedar and Ohio Sts., N.). Speakers: George Powers, Wolfe, Smith, Rymer and others.

May 1st at 8 p. m. at Pythian Temple, 2011 Center Ave. Speakers: Price, Stein, a Young Pioneer, and program.

Avella.—At Carnival Grounds at 2 p. m.; speakers, Hawkins, Chandler.

McKeesport.—May 1, at Workers' Center, 12th and Locust Sts., at 7:30 p. m.; speakers, Ben Careathers and Bob Young.

Monessen.—May 1, at 7:30 p. m., at Finnish Hall, 618 Sixth St.

East Pittsburgh.—May 1, at noon, before Westinghouse Gates; speaker, Pat Cush.

East Pittsburgh.—May 2, at 8 p. m., at Turtle Creek High School Auditorium; speakers, Mills and Chandler.

Other meetings have been sched-

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JOBLESS WORKER SUICIDE IN PARK

Fight Starvation! Demonstrate May 1!

NEW YORK.—The body of Duncan McKee, 43, an electrical engineer, 55 Moshulu Parkway, South, was found in Van Cortlandt Park yesterday.

McKee, who had been out of work for several months, and had a wife and two small children facing starvation, committed suicide by shootig himself through the mouth.

Suicide does not solve the problem for his starving wife and babies! Workers! Unemployed and employed, Negro and white, join the mighty May Day demonstration in Madison Square Park, 25th St. and Madison Ave.! Joi the struggle against starvation and mass misery, against lynching, against the planned legal lynching of nine Negro boys in Alabama and five silk strikers in Paterson, N. J. Down Tools May Day! Demonstrate!

DRAMA

"China Express," the Soviet film which opens at the Little Theatre, Newark, New Jersey, Saturday, May 2nd, is a powerful drama of the class struggle in China presented in a unique and arresting manner. The action is centered in a railway train, the China Express. The train is divided into "classes," first, second and third, according to the degree of comfort. This division corresponds exactly to the class division of capitalist society and applies also to China. The passengers of the First Class are foreign diplomats, capitalists, missionaries as well as domestic war lords. In the second class are the nondescript middle class types, the petty bourgeoisie, the intellectuals, the lackeys and hangers-on of the ruling class. The third class is occupied by laborers and peasants. The story of "China Express" is simple, human, gripping.

Though the story is gripping in its immediate literal meaning, it possesses an even greater power of suggesting the larger and deeper messag of class struggle and workers' triumph.

A large cast with many Chinese actors perform this drama in a captivating manner. China Express is a powerful revolutionary drama not to be missed by workers.

POLICE TERROR IN NEW JERSEY

Workers to Demonstrate May Day

ELIZABETH, N. J.—April 27.—As May Day nears, with its mighty demonstrations against starvation, wage-cuts, persecution of Negro and foreign-born workers, imperialist preparation for war on the Soviet Union, the bosses' police watchdogs are increasing their terror against the working class in an attempt to silence their protests.

Yesterday, George Walker, a young Negro worker and member of the Young Communist League, was arrested for distributing May Day leaflets. He was taken to the police station, brutally beaten up and then released without any charges being filed against him.

Three white workers are being held for the grand jury for participating in the February 25 demonstration against unemployment and for relief and insurance.

All hall keepers are being terrorized by the police into refusing their halls for meetings of the Communist Party and other militant working-class organizations.

In spite of this the mass revolutionary struggle against starvation, against wage-cuts, lynching and persecution of Negro and foreign-born workers is growing and New Jersey workers will come out tens of thousands strong in mighty demonstrations on May First.

BORO PRESIDENT DODGES JOBLESS

Doesn't Even Want to Hear of the Starving

NEW YORK.—Hundreds of unemployed workers gathered at Jay and Johnson Sts., Brooklyn, yesterday at the call of the Borough Hall Unemployed Council and after hearing speakers describe cases of extreme distress the council had found elected a committee of ten and ratified demands for immediate relief and sent them to Borough President Hesterberg.

Hesterberg not only dodged the committee, but likewise his secretary, the commissioner and the commissioner's secretary refused to see them. Some of these officials gave excuses that they were not in, but the committee, led by Anna Rollins, secretary of the council, kept after them, until they located the borough president's secretary in his office, guarded by plenty of strong-arm men. The borough officials held a conference and finally sent out word that they simply would not see the committee of the jobless.

City Will Starve You.

The committee had been followed by a great throng of jobless, who followed it back again to Jay and Johnson, where, with police of every variety massing around and in spite of several attempts by the cops to dissuade them from holding a meeting, they met and heard the committee report that the borough government did not even want to hear of workers starving in Brooklyn, to say nothing of doing anything for them.

The meeting enthusiastically decided to hold other meetings after the May Day demonstrations and lay plans for such a big demonstration that all Hesterberg's police cannot stop them.

The delegation had on it three colored workers, three women and young as well as adult jobless workers. It was elected right from the crowd at the mass meeting.

Many Join.

A large part of the crowd followed the speakers to an indoor meeting at 73 3Myrtle Ave., headquarters of the council; the hall was jammed to overflowing and many joined the council. A food committee was elected, which immediately went out and collected some provisions for the list of starving families Hesterberg wouldn't even look at.

At the indoor meeting a Negro worker told of being injured on the Ward Line "Cuba Mail". He sued for $15,000. His own lawyer, a white chauvinist it turned out, told the judge in court: "He's only a colored worker, and $1,000 will be enough." When the $1,000 was paid, the lawyer took it as his fee.

Meat Strike Winning Against Butchers, Cops and the Rabbi

NEW YORK.—The working class women of Middle Village continue their picketing against the high price of meat. Since the struggle started one butcher shop and three chicken markets have lowered the price between 14 and 17 cents a pound. The rest of the butcher shops, in alliance with the rabbi of Middle Village, are trying to keep it up. The rabbi goes around telling women that the high price is necessary to make the meat kosher.

Last Saturday night the butchers called the cops but the women would not quit.

The same committee is starting a campaign to get cheaper bread and rolls. A mass meeting Thursday night will expose the alliance between butchers, cops and the rabbi.

ATTENTION

The Daily Worker District Office will be open until after midnight today to receive greetings for the May Day edition of the Daily Worker. All units and workers' organizations and Daily Worker readers are asked to send in their greetings today, otherwise it will not appear in the May Day edition. The special May Day edition for New York will be on Thursday, April 30. Daily Worker readers should order an extra bundle to take with them into the shop or to distribute them among their neighbors. Help to mobilize for May Day.

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Unemployment Increases in Fargo As Armour Fires Workers; Agricultural Workers Are Unemployed

14 Jobless Commit Suicide in 10 Days in North Dakota; Hospital Cuts Wages

Fargo, North Dakota

Daily Worker:—

Armour and Company just laid off 16 more wage earners, quite a number of them are the only members of families working here in West Fargo. This latest lay-off was general and workers from all departments were given idefinite payless vacations. How they and their families are to live now is no concern of Armours. Instead of any revival such as we usually have here in the spring work and business is, if anything, worse than during the winter. The writer met a jobless worker who had travelled over a large part of North Dakota, South Dakota and Minn. and in three weeks time had not been able to secure one full day of work. He was on his way back home, on a small farm, where he is not needed.

Farms Not Working

We have never before seen times where there was no farm work to be had in the spring of year, in N. Dakota. We are also having an exceedingly dry season which if it doesn't break soon will mean a crop failure and additional misery to every worker and farmer.

St. Lukes Hospital in Fargo have cut the pay of all their help and nurses. The lattter who were getting $35 a month, board and room now get only $20 a month. Also the hospital business is poor, their entire floor being empty of patients at present. Workers cannot afford medical treatment in hospitals here.

The McCormick Company got the contract to pave the U. S. No. 10 from Fargo to Mapelton. They issued a call for 75 men. 512 answered the call the first morning. Only the youngest and strongest were hired.

Many Workers Suicide.

Fourteen workers have committed suicide in North Dakota in the last ten days because of the intolerable economic conditions. One was only 19 years old.

Only a workers' government can solve the problems of the workers in North Dakota and other states in the U. S.

—Fargo Unemployed Worker.

Search Soup Lines in Seattle for Last Penny

Seattle, Wash.

Daily Worker:

Prosperity is thought to be around the corner in Seattle Soup Lines. The other day without warning everybody in the soup line at the armory (called the Sunshine Club) was searched. Oh, no! Not for concealed weapons, but for MONEY. Three of them had a few pennies in their pockets and were immediately arrested. The latest report was they were still in jail on an "Open Charge," held for investigation. The police believe each one of them has a bank account.

—A WORKER.

Portland Worker Says "Daily" Is the Only Workers' Paper

Portland, Oregon

Daily Worker:—

What a fine country this "God's Country" has turned out to be!

I'm not a member of the Party but I like to read the "Daily Worker" quite often. In one page of it I find more news interesting to the working man than in the full 24 to 30 pages of the "Morning Oregonian" for intance.

In our city I know of a bookstand where one can buy the Daily anytime.

My opinion is that the Daily Worker is the only paper that tells the truth about what is going on in the world at any time.

Things in our city seem to be getting worse instead of better. New lay-offs every day. More and more people clothed in rags, are lining up around the blocks, where there is a soup kitchen, and standing in the rain (Oregon is famous for rain) to get a bowl of mush.

The worst of it now is that if you are unemployed and are wearing out on the sidewalks all day long, looking for work, some of our important looking cops will grab you and its enough to make any man's blood boil.

They don't even let you hunt for a job anymore, they want you to go home turn the gas on and inhail all, or you can hang yourself in the basement. (Providing that you have a home and enough money to buy a rope) or get the old ax and chop all the kids' heads off if you don't want to see them die of starvation or any other way of destruction.

But the worker will not do this if he learns that to organize against this starvation system will be the best way out. And to organize is what we are doing.

—Yours for Communism.
T. R. Park.

Harrisburg Jobless Organizing to Fight

Philadelphia, Pa.

Daily Worker:—

While in Harrisburg on the Hunger March, I had conversations with the workers who told me that conditions in this town were very bad. Sixty per cent of the workers are out of work, and those who are lucky enough, work only two or three days out of the week. The Negro workers suffer mostly.

Streets Full of JoJbless.

The Harrisburg streets are full with the unemployed, one can also see the charity signs. Some of these charity places offer at the most a dollar a week. However the workers here are beginning to refuse this fake relief and are organizing themselves into real militant organizations of the T. U. U. L.

—A Philadelphia Worker.

Sioux City Building Plans Prove Fake

Sioux City, Iowa

Daily Worker:—

Just a few lines regarding the working class conditions in this town. The state government has given out the idea that they are going to build a $300,000 relief program, a Union Depot and an Electric and Gas Company. This has been proven to be bunk, but its just to keep the slaves thinking that better times are coming.

I have been to four construction jobs and not a man was lined up. The workers around this place are very discontented and are beginning to get in line with the class struggle.

—H.N.

DENVER ENGINEER PRAISES THE USSR

"Better Off Than in Some Parts of U.S.

The capitalist press carries an interview with C. C. Tinkler, engineer and contractor of Denver, Colorado, who is just back from the Soviet Union with an admission that the Soviet Union workers and peasants are not starving and are winning in their struggle. He says there are many things there which could be copied to advantage here.

"If we sign contracts it will mean the employment of many American men and the sale of American machinery," he said. "Last year Russia bought more than 100 million dollars worth of American machinery and goods. Germany obtained 46 per cent of Russian import business and we supplied 22 per cent. There is no reason why we should not double and triple our trade with Russia. She pays in gold and does not ask credit. Russia is completing one of the greatest electric power projects in the world on the Dnieper river near Odessa and this power will electrify a score of great industries."

Better Off Than in U. S.

The Russian people are much better off than they ever were under the monarchy, according to Tinkler. There are parts of the United States where people are more backward than any he observed in Russia.

"There are some things in Russia that we might copy to our advantage," said Tinkler. "Their system of physical education for boys and girls is really remarkable. They also have a ssyte mof lawmaking that we should adopt. They pass a law for an experimental period. If it does not work out satisfactorily they amend it, or revoke it, at the next session of council.

C. C. Tinkler, well known Denver Engineer, who is just back from the Soviet Union.

No Starvation.

"We must remember that under the czars the Russian people were submerged in ignorance and slavery," he said. "They are now being educated and their leaders believe in five year illiteracy will be wiped out. In the smallest hamlets they have their little schools and education is compulsory. Even people of middle age are learning to read and write along with their youngsters. This talk about starvation in Russia is all nonsense. It is true the people are on rations, but I saw no signs of starvation."

Starving, Suicide Of Jobless; Slaughter On The Jobs, Call All To Mass Protest

Workers Fearing Discharge, Driven Into Trap and Die; No Compensation; Man Would Be Slave; Demonstrate May 1!

Beneath the cold figures of cutting off of relief, growing unemployment, terrific speed up, is the misery and death of countless numbers of the working class. The cases, each one a terrible drama of life and death, are too numerous to even mention all of them. Below are given accounts of a few recent ones.

Each is a reason for mass action, a one day strike and huge demonstrations on the First of May. Protest the murderous capitalist system itself! Demand relief and insurance for the jobless! Strike against wage-cuts and speed-up! You are fighting for your lives.

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Ordered Back to Die on Job.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 26.—"The workers were ordered back after they had escaped!"

This was told press reporters on the scene as the Laflin St. sewage tunnel, which took a toll of 11 lives, seven workers and four firemen, was burning.

Firemen said that several of the tunnel laborers had come to the surface from the gas-filled deathtrap just as the fire-fighters arrived.

"Go back!" they quoted a foreman of the construction company. "If the fire-men can go in there, you can stay in there!" They went back. Twenty-four hours later, the bodies of seven of the tunnel workers were in the morgue, alongside the heroic firemen. Nearly a score others were suffering from near-suffocation.

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Blame Contractors as Three Die

BERKELEY, Cal., April 26.—Further evidence placing blame on the contractors for the collapse of the new engineering building at the University of California has been brought out by the investigation by the State Industrial Accident Commission.

A carpenter who was discharged shortly before the accident testified that he and another carpenter were fired because they could not hurry enough, the shorings being full of concrete from a former job and the automatic clamps almost useless.

It was these shorings which collapsed. Another of the injured workmen has died, bringing the number of dead to three, and still another is expected to die, while several more of the nearly 20 injured are still in a critical condition.

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PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 26.—Andrew Susko, 42, father of seven children, one-legged as result of an accident years ago, jobless, is in jail, his wife is in the hospital after a futile attempt to kill herself by poison, and their seven children are in the Juvenile Detention Home.

Susko lost a leg in an accident in one of the Mellon steel mills, the Riter-Connelly mill of the McClintic-Marshall Steel Co. He lost compensation in the courts through the judge's decision that the accident might have been caused by his own carelessness. Then the company agreed to furnish him a job but gave him work he was unfitted to do and fired him for his alleged refusal to work.

Bills piled up on the desperate mother and flock. Then the officers came to evict them and to take their last few sticks of furniture for the rent bill. Susko tried to stop them. His wife took poison. Frantic, he took a pistol and went to the mill and demanded that the superintendent furnish him a truck to move his goods and a company house in which to store them. The boss coldly and curtly refused him and Susko flourished his gun.

Police were called and Susko ran, threatening to kill the officers or himself before he would surrender. He was captured by use of a gas bomb.

County authorities have decided he is sane.

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NEW York.—Many injured men testified at the official state investigation into administration of the workmen's compensation law here that they were kept waiting for years while lawyers argued, that graft, fraud and "unethical practise" by doctors and lawyers was common.

It was brought out that the physicians appointed by the state adjustors were bribed by lots of well paying cases given them through the insurance companies, before even their announcement was made public.

A dramatic incident occurred during the hearing. A man crippled for life by a head injury, suddenly turned to Commissioner Perkins: "For God's sake, Miss Perkins, help me get the minutes in my case. The sheriff is about to foreclose on my house. I'm crippled for life and can't get a job." Miss Perkins said she doesn't have enough clerks and stenographers to look after the compensation cases.

Cases were cited where doctors had deliberately changed diagnoses when a worker threatened to sue his employer, where men had been forced to return to light employment instead of being cured of injuries, and then denied compensation for later injuries because alleged to come from the earlier one.

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Offers Himself as Slave.

HOBOKEN, N. J., April 26.—A 36-year-old man here offers himself for sale for $250 and enough to eat and a place to sleep and clothes to wear. His name is Peter J. Ross, 1300 Bloomfield St. He states that if no one will buy him he is willing to go jail to avoid starvation.

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Father of Six Takes Poison

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 26.—Despondent over repeated failure to find work, Frank Wachowski, 41 years old, of 101 Theodore St., took poison Thursday night. He could not stand to see his wife and six children starving any longer.

APPEALS FOR UNITED EFFORT

Save Lives of Scottsboro Nine

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pay $3 a week rent for a little shack, without gas, electricity or plumbing of any kind. There is no hot water, only running cold water in the yard. There is no toilet, only an unsanitary arrangement in the yard, with a large pail for emptying of which she has to pay 50 cents a month.

"Can't Afford Potatoes; Fruit Out of Question."

Feeding a family of eight on $4 a week is impossible even in the South where food is supposed to be somewhat cheaper. The family are forced to go hungry many days. When they do eat, the diet is confined to lean meat, syrup and bread. "No, we cannot afford potatoes, and fruit is out of the question," Mrs. Patterson answered a question of one of the press representatives.

Father Faces Loss of Job.

"I like it here in New York, but I am worried over Haywood and worried about home as well," she told the workers' press when asked how she liked her reception and treatment in New York. She is afraid that her husband will soon be deprived of even the $7 a week he is now getting. "The boss told him they may have to close down the foundry after this week if no more orders come in," she explained.

The family consists of her husband and herself, Haywood and the following other children: Sybil, 25; Julian, 21; Ollie, 16; Louis, 13; and Willie, a grandchild, the son of her married daughter, Mayselle. Mayselle is living in Cincinnati. . . . . .

Were Originally Share Croppers in Georgia.

The family has been in Chattanooga for the past eight years. They originally came from Georgia, where the entire family had worked as share croppers. Things got so bad, however, that they had to leave the plantation and try their luck in an industrial center.

Denounces Steve Roddy.

Stephen Roddy, the attorney who was hired by the Ministers' Alliance to defend the boys, had never been to see her or any other of the parents in Chattanooga, she said. "He just went along and helped railroad the boys," she declared indignantly. "I just know Roddy didn't do anything for them boys. He came out in the papers saying the boys had had a square deal.

"Roddy Just Naturally Scared."

"Roddy just naturally was scared. He had been paid $50 by the Ministers' Alliance but when he got to Scottsboro he denied he was there to defend the boys. Said 'just some colored people asked me to watch the case.' He only got to speak by going to a 60-year-old man, and that was how he got to say what he did in court. But he was scared because that power man (an attorney for the Alabama Power Co. appointed by the trial judge on the "defense" has said he had enough juice to burn all the niggers in Chattanooga and all who came to defend them."

Mrs. Patterson, who was brought North to help mobilize the workers for a united effort to free her son and the other eight boys, will leave some time next week for Chattanooga.

TALES OF SOVIET "HORRORS" EXPOSED AS CAPITALIST LIES

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copy of this same photo for sale at the photo agency of Underwood & Underwood, at 242 W. 55th St., New York, where the Daily Worker reporter who inquired about it was told: "It was taken 15 or 20 years ago!"

Bolshevik "Ice and Snow."

Now what about the photo which the above caption mentions at the "Left, a photo of political prisoners working in the lumber camps amid ice and snow." The Evening Graphic, lying as all capitalist papers do, would have you believe that the Bolsheviks, and particularly Stalin, whose "picture" is shown at the upper right side of the story, are responsible for "ice and snow!"

Now, workers, Russia has no monopoly on "ice and snow," and right here in America millions of jobless workers both froze and starved. Yet those who worked in the lumber camps of New England, Michigan and Minnesota and the Northern Rocky Mountains also worked "amid ice and snow." But the Evening Graphic liar says they are "political prisoners." What is the truth?

The truth is that the men shown at work are not "political prisoners" at all! Just regular lumber workers, loading lumber at Krasnoborsk, south of Archangel! Just workers, comfortably dressed in heavy overcoats, thick mittens and fur caps (furnished free, by the way, to Soviet workers), and looking quite well-fed and cheerful, as you might see if you want to go to look at a copy of this identical photo, which you will find for sale at the "Press Cliche Photo Agency," at 545 Fifth Ave. New York! So much for that lie!

Now, workers, look to the right side of the Evening Graphic pages. See the man shown crouching in the photo (under Stalin's picture, which, by the way, has been doctored up to make him look like a burglar!). Under this photo of a crouching man, the Graphic's liar has written: "At the heavy door crouches the thick-lipped guard, ready to brain an escaping prisoner!"

Pretty terrible, isn't it! Naturally any reader would think the picture was taken in Soviet Russia—but it wasn't! **It never saw the Soviet Union!** It is only a photo taken from a movie film called "Condemned," produced by the United Artists' film company, from a novel called "Condemned to Devil's Island," written by Blair Niles. And the "thick-lipped guard," who is supposed to be a terrible Bolshevik, is only the American movie actor, Ronald Colman! So much for that lie!

Only one photo remains to show how "terrible" are the lumber camps of Red Russia. Look at the picture shown by the Graphic at the upper left. It is a picture of Ramsay MacDonald, the fake "socialist" and servant of the British King. Underneath it, the liar of the Graphic has written:

"PREMIER RAMSAY MacDONALD, labor leader, who is investigating stories of frightfulness to convict labor in Russia. He has had submitted to him evidence that men are flayed as the one in the photo at the right."

Now, workers, look at that photo to "the right." A man, stripped down to the waist, with his back covered with the marks of a lash! Evidently chained to the bars of a prison! Terrible! Barbarous! But where did it happen? Which is the savage government that has beaten the back of this man, this convict laborer, till the blood burst through the agonized skin?

It happened, workers, not in the Soviet Union, but in capitalist America! Even the poor devil's overalls rolled up at the bottom, reveal it as an American photo. Such overalls are not used in Soviet Russia. Neither is one-piece underwear, clearly shown, turned down at this poor victim's waist.

If the anti-Soviet liars who are responsible for this outrageous photo forgery have not gathered them all up by the time you read this, you will find a copy of this photograph of brutal whipping of convict laborers at the agency of the "P. & A. Photos, Inc.," at 220 E. 42nd St, New York City.

And on it you will find a label stating that it was taken in the state of Delaware, where the capitalist government of these United States, including Congressman Fish, is still whipping prison laborers!

This is all, workers. You have seen the proof that every photo is a lie! Now, why do the capitalist papers lie to you about the Soviet?

For two reasons: First, they want you to believe that the Soviet Government of workers and farmers is bad for workers; so bad that you will not protest, strike and refuse to shoot Russian workers and farmers, against whom the American capitalist government, headed by Hoover and Fish, are preparing to make war!

Second, the American capitalists want to deceive you into thinking that conditions are so terrible under the Soviet in Russia that you will not organize, revolt and establish a Workers' and Farmers' Government here in America, in spite of the misery, wage-cuts, starvation and terror you suffer here from the rule of the American capitalists!

Yet in Soviet Russia there is no unemployment! Wages are raised—not cut! The seven-hour day, working four days and off the fifth, is established, and the workers are building socialist industry, for themselves, without any capitalist profit-robbers!

Remember these lies, workers! Remember that these liars are your class enemies, liars for the capitalist class! When they attack the Soviet Union, you should defend it! For it is the one and only country ruled by workers! **And come on to the streets May Day, in a one-day strike, united, employed and jobless;** to warn these capitalist liars that some day the American workers, too, will establish their Soviet Government!

FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE SOVIET UNION!

RUSH FOR MAY DAY GREETINGS

Not enough ads and greetings have come from workers in shops, factories, workers' organizations. A May Day edition without these revolutionary greetings will not represent the real support that the Daily Worker has been receiving from masses of workers. These greetings, like the increase in circulation, is the definite answer that the workers give the Fish Committee and the bosses that the Daily Worker is supported by masses of workers in the U. S. and that it will be defended by them. Rush your greetings! (Individual greetings, 25c; organizatioons, according to their means.)

In New York, bring these greetings directly to the office, 35 E. 12th St.

WAGE CUTS IN MINES DAILY!

District Conventions of NMU to Plan Fight

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 27.—Wage cuts every day in one mine or another! Starvation wages! Even the capitalist press, in reporting some of the wage cuts, is forced to admit that "the present wages are the lowest in the history of the industry."

In the Avella section, where horrible hunger prevails, the miners and their families live exclusively on dandelions, mothers not being able to nurse their babies. The general wage scale is only 30 cents per ton. This compares with 77 cents per ton three years ago. But this is not the lowest in the industry. In West Virginia the wages are still lower. There the general wage scale is only 21 cents per ton, and in some instances even 18 cents per ton.

These low wages have brought the conditions of the employed miners almost equal to the conditions of the unemployed. They are working and at the same time starving. Many miners refuse even to work under these miserable conditions.

But the coal operators are not satisfied even with the low wages that now exist. Their greed for profits has no limits. They continue to slash the wages, thus increasing the misery and starvation of the miners.

The United Mine Workers of America leadership, without exception, helps the coal operators cut the wages. The fake progressives of the Howat clique are doing the same by telling the miners that "wage cuts cannot be prevented in a period of depression."

The National Miners' Union is carrying on an extensive campaign for strike struggle against wage cuts. It has proven by winning a 10 per cent wage increase for the Tomajko miners that not only can wage cuts be prevented, but that the coal operators can be forced to increase the wages.

The district conventions of the N. M. U.—metal mining on May 10; Ohio for May 17 and Pennsylvania on May 23-24—will be a tremendous step forward in mobilizing the miners to fight against wage cuts, speed-up and for immediate unemployment relief.

Miners! Elect your delegates at once and notify your respective district office.

NEGRO YOUTH WRITES FROM JAIL ENDORSING I. L. D. DEFENSE

Charles Weems Wants International Defense Attorney to Visit Jail at Once—Request Indicates Continued Efforts to Coerce Boys

NEW YORK.—A post card received from one of the nine Scottsboro victims in Birmingham prison by Allen Taub, International Labor Defense attorney, indicate that in spite of the firm repudiation of Steve Roddy by the boys and their parents, and their whole-hearted endorsement of the I. L. D. defense, attempts are still being made by the bosses and others to exert pressure on the nine boys in the effort to eliminate the I. L. D.

The post card is from Charles Weems, 20 years, the oldest of the nine youngsters, and says:

"Say, Mr. Taub, come down here, please, right away to Birmingham County Jail. So that's all for this time. Come right away, please. We want you for us."

The program of the I. L. D. for the strongest legal defense, backed up by the united protest of the workers, Negro and white, must receive the support of everyone interested in saving the lives of these children.

Workers throughout the country will answer on May 1 this outrageous frame-up and railroading and the persistent efforts now being made by the bosses and their agents to knife the defense of these boys. Down tools May Day! Demonstrate against lynching, against starvation, wage-cuts and preparations for attack on the Soviet Union!

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GREENVILLE, S. C., April 27.—White and Negro members of the Unemployed Council of the Trade Union Unity League joined today in the nation-wide protest against the Scottsboro legal lynching. A telegram of protest was sent to Governor B. M. Miller at Montgomery, Ala., demanding the release of the nine boys.

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 27.—At a mass meeting here a ringing resolution was adopted unanimously, denouncing the Scottsboro frame-up and demanding a new trial for the nine boys, with a jury of workers, at least half of whom shall be Negroes. The Negro masses of Oklahoma City are thoroughly aroused and are rallying to a fighting alliance with the white workers against this vicious frame-up.

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NEWARK, N. J., April 27.—Five hundred white and Negro workers, in a mass meeting here, demanded the unconditional release of the five Paterson silk strikers and the nine Negro bays in Scottsboro, Ala. A defense conference has been called by the International Labor Defense for May 10 at 10 a. m. at 90 Ferry St.

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CHESTER, Pa., April 27.—Unanimous approval of a resolution calling for a new trial for the nine Negro Scottsboro frame-up victims was voiced by the 35 Negro and white delegates who attended the Unemployed Conference. The conference also endorsed the May Day demonstrations to be held in this city May 1. A noon-day demonstration will take place at Third and Market Sts., while in the evening a mass indoor meeting will be held at Lithuanian Hall, Fourth and Upland.

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ALBANY, N. Y., April 27.—Over 100 colored and white workers met last night at the Workers' Center, 97½ Hamilton St., at a meeting called by the International Labor Defense to protest the frame-up of the nine Scottsboro victims facing the electric chair. An appeal for their release or a new trial is being circulated in Albany.

3 MORE DAYS TO MAY 1ST; SPEED UP PREPARATIONS

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

uled for:

New Kensington.—Evening indoor meetings May 1; speakers, Stern, Young Communist League.

Ambridge—Evening outdoor meeting May 1; speakers, Powers, N. Amter.

Johnstown, Pa.—Speakers, Rodgers and Mankin.

Portage.—Speaker, Brisker.

Brownsville—F. Siders.

Washington.

Canonsburg.—Speaker, Kamenevich.

McKees Rocks.

Workers in these cities should watch for further announcements.

Mass meetings in the Eastern Ohio coal fields will signalize the beginning of the hunger march of unemployed Ohio coal miners to Columbus to demand relief. May Day demonstrations will be held in the evening indoors at Yorkville and Neffs with local speakers, at Bellaire with Frank Borich, at Bohemian Hall, 41st and Harrison Sts.

An open-air demonstration at noon in Wheeling, W. Va., will be held at Riverside Park, between 16-18 Water St., at 1 p. m., with Borich speaker.

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Wilkes-Barre Meet—Permit Or Not.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa.—Mayor Hart of Wilkes-Barre flatly refused to give the United Front Committee, composed of 14 organizations, a permit to hold a meeting on May Day. Mayor Hart stated if the Central Labor Union of Wilkes-Barre agreed to give a permit then he would consider it. The committee went to the Central Labor Union and the petty labor fakers played the role that was desired by Mayor Hart and refused to take action.

At the Next meeting of the City Council a large committee of workers will go there to insist that a permit be granted. The mayor has stated that during the last year 27 "Red" meetings have been broken up and he does not intend to have any "Red" activity in this vicinity.

A May Day meeting will be held here, permit or no permit, is the statement issued by the arrangements committee. "If you do not give us the right to hold a meeting in a hall, we will mobilize the workers and have a meeting in the square on May 1," is part of the statement of the committee issued to the local press, which, of course, keeps silent.

The conditions of the miners are getting worse and worse. Recently a miner employed in Maxwell No. 20 Colliery of the Glen Alden Coal Co. committed suicide because he has not been able to feed his family.

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Scranton, Pa., Demonstration.

SCRANTON, Pa.—Preparations are being made for the holding of a huge May 1 meeting at 427 Lackawanna Ave., Scranton, Pa., at 7 p. m. on Friday, May 1. Several organizations of Scranton and vicinity had joint meetings and decided to celebrate May Day as a workers' holiday in Scranton this year.

Efforts have been made to secure a permit, but have been unsuccessful so far. In the past the city authorities have been determined not to let any workers' organisations celebrate May Day or hold any other meetings in the city.

Unemployment is increasing in this vicinity despite the contrary statements of various politicians. At this meeting there will be a report from the Harrisburg hunger march that took place on April 21. Over 25 miners from the Anthracite participated in the hunger march and will report on the results of their march to Harrisburg.

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Niagara Falls On May 1.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y.—Preparations are going ahead for a successful May First demonstration to be held in Niagara Falls. Hundreds of American and foreign, Negro and white workers are expected to participate. The demonstration will be held at the City Market, corner of Pine and 19th Sts., at 6 p. m., from where the group will march and meet many other hundreds at the Niagara Falls High School Auditorium.

The board of education granted permission to use the High School when it was approached by the May Day Committee.

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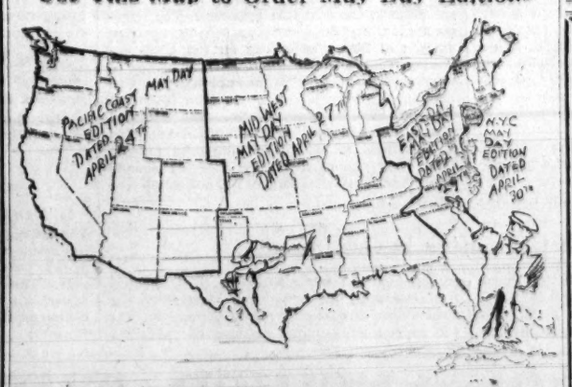

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PLOT WAR AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION!

American Imperialism in the Preparation of Intervention. Workers! Defend the Soviet Union! Demonstrate May 1!

By EARL BROWDER

THE capitalist world is feverishly preparing for war. Torn asunder by its own antagonisms between the different imperialist powers, under the pressure of the deepest economic crisis in history, with its temporary post-war stabilization rapidly disappearing, and above all with the millions of starving masses having before their eyes the example of the Soviet Union with its unprecedented growth of economic life upon a socialist basis, inspiring them by its very existence to similarly reorganize their own life as the only escape from the miseries of capitalism—under these conditions, world capitalism is making a supreme effort to establish a common front for war against the Soviet Union, to destroy this menace to its existence and then more fiercely to proceed to the armed redistribution of the world which it so desperately demands, and to carve up the rich territories of the Soviet Union, as the solution of its crisis.

France Leads Intervention

Imperialist France stands at the head as organizer and director of the capitalist attack at the present moment, as Comrade Cachin so ably demonstrated in his report to the eleventh Plenum of the E. C. C. I. I wish to concentrate, however, upon the role of American imperialism, the government of Wall Street, of Hoover, Dawes and Young—the United States.

Wall Street Has Its Own Line

France stands at the head of the interventionist forces. But behind her looms the sinister power of the most powerful capitalism, America, which is moving surely, step by step, in the same direction. And it would be a great mistake to suppose that France is "leading" America in this, the supreme question of world politics. The U. S. A. has its own entirely independent line, designed to subordinate the anti-Soviet front to its own hegemony, and to make the attack against the Soviet Union also serve to promote its special struggle against its imperialist rivals.

The ripeness of the capitalist world for war was recently expressed by a spokesman of American capitalism, Senator David A. Reed, in the following words:

"I believe that if it were not for the apprehension of Bolshevism, the countries of Europe would be at each other's throats this very minute."

Talk Peace, But Prepare War

Hypocritical peace talk, of course, masks the active preparations for war. Each measure of war preparation is carefully hidden behind a new "guarantee of peace," or behind some "humanitarian" measure for the starving population of America. Thus, the millions of bankrupted farmers ruined by the agrarian crisis, were told that the Farm Board was set up to relieve their distress, which is so acute that Senator Caraway declared in the Senate that "one thousand persons are dying of starvation in America every day we talk." The Farm Board spent five hundred million dollars, largely buying 275,000,000 bushels of wheat.

Farm Board Serves Intervention

Then the farmers, worse off than ever, were told that the Farm Board was a failure and must discontinue its operations. But we know the real object of the Farm Board, which was exposed in "Pravda" of April 9th. The Farm Board really had the object, approved by President Hoover, to establish a military reserve of wheat, for the intervention against the Soviet Union and it achieved its object very successfully. The Farm Board was headed by Mr. Legge, a big capitalist connected with the agricultural implement trust, the International Harvester Co., which is demanding the return of its former factories in Russia, and who has been, like Hoover, an international organizer of food and military supplies for counter-revolution. Now that the Board has finished its real work, Mr. Legge has resigned. His activities were timed to correspond with the original calendar-plan of intervention.

Behind the Hypocrisy—War

Other war moves are accompanied with similar disgusting hypocrisy. Stimson's notorious intervention in aid to the Chinese militarists in 1929, in the Chinese Eastern Railway affair was declared to be "to preserve peace" under the Kellogg Pact, masking the real intention to seize the railway for American imperialism, not only from the Soviet Union and from China, but also from Japan. The church campaign in 1930 was "in behalf of the persecuted priests"; the "anti-dumping" campaign is "in the interests of preserving the standards of the American wage worker"; the slanders of "forced labor in the Soviet Union" are "in behalf of the oppressed Russian toilers."

But behind the hypocrisy, the real purpose stands out sharp and clear. It is openly stated by such leading capitalist newspapers as the "Chicago Tribune," which brazenly propagandizes for war against the Soviet Union. A typical example is the following from the "New Bedford Times," organ of the textile interests:

"We would point out emphatically that the United States must not delay or hesitate in such matters. It is a case of fight now against the Soviet or to be devoured by the Soviet after we have been reduced so to be unable to fight. And with proper economic campaigns against the USSR let us not forget plenty of armaments."

Or the following, from a speech of a member of Mr. Hoover's cabinet, Mr. Wilbur, Secretary of Interior:

"One of the great people of the earth is deliberately trying to work out large social and economic programs for the mastery of its vast terrain along new and untried lines. Our economic, social and political philosophy inevitably must wage a gigantic and fundamental struggle with theirs."

When the recent embargo was placed by the U. S. against Soviet pulpwood, President Hoover made a public declaration that this measure was "not aimed at Russian trade." But one of his own chief supporters, the "New York Herald-Tribune," immediately exposed this hypocrisy, saying:

"President Hoover has added his own assurance . . . that the new regulations . . . are not aimed at Russian trade. . . . The official assurances must be regarded as more 'diplomatic' than real."

Or consider these words of Admiral Pratt, Chief of Naval Operations of the U. S. Navy, who said:

"The world in which they (the USSR) live and the one in which we live are so totally different that the two cannot exist side by side indefinitely without great compromise on one side or the other or war ultimately may result."

When we add that for over 13 years the U. S. Government has refused all normal international relationships with the Soviet Union, that in all this time it has officially had an embargo against the sale of airplanes or anything which could be used for war purposes, and an embargo on all long-term credits (which some American banks were anxious to give), it becomes clear that the fundamental policy of American imperialism points directly and undeviatingly towards war against the Soviet Union. The only question at issue is when will American imperialism decide that the moment most favorable for its own particular aims has arrived.

Plan To Repeat "Glorious" Achievements of 1918

Let us never for a moment forget that American troops participated in the interventions of 1918-1919, in Murmansk, Archangel and the Far East. American money and military and medical supplies backed Kolchak, Yudenich and other white guard bandit attacks upon the Soviet Union. And American imperialism counts these pages of its history among the "glorious" achievements of its armed forces, placing the name of "Murmansk" alongside of "Verdun" on the "Victory Arch" built in New York City (with the approval of "Socialist" Assemblymen) to greet the returning troops. What American imperialism did in 1918-1919, it is now preparing to repeat on a larger scale.

Preparations for intervention have been the subject for constant conversations between the U. S. and European Powers. When the late London Naval Conference was in its difficult moments, Harold Price Bell, London correspondent of the Chicago Daily News, forecasting an agreement in spite of all difficulties, argued thus:

"Hovering over the London Conference is the shadow of the Soviet Union, driving the representatives of the different countries to agreement, at least on common measures to meet this common danger. This is doubtless one of the principal subjects of discussion behind the scenes."

Mobilizing For War By Demagogy and Lies

Thus the United States drives toward war. It is spending 90 per cent of its enormous budget for war purposes, for the army, navy, air forces, war pensions, and interest on war debts. Meanwhile it refuses the slightest aid to the starving ten millions of unemployed and the several million starving farmers. **"Billions for war, but not one cent for social insurance,"** is the slogan of **American imperialism.**

Mobilizing the masses for war, the capitalist press is engaged for the past year in a gigantic campaign of lies, slander and demagogy. The masses are told that the Five Year Plan is failing, but at the same time that it is the cause of the crisis in the capitalist countries. The farmers are told that Soviet wheat caused the agrarian crisis, and Soviet operations on the grain exchanges caused the recent drop in the price of wheat. The millions of unemployed are told that their misery is the result of a diabolical plot by the "dictator" Stalin. The religious masses are told that in Soviet Union hundreds of thousands of priests are murdered in cold blood every year by the GPU. Free use is made of the most shameless forgeries to bolster up this campaign.

The Fish Committee Is Organized

Thus the notorious forged "Whalen Documents," produced by the czarist "General" Djamgaroff, became the occasion for the U. S. Congress to set up the Fish Committee to Investigate Communist Activities in the U. S. Behind the actions of this committee, which were the most vulgar farce considered in themselves, was the sinister and serious purpose of preparing "public opinion" for the war of intervention against the USSR. "General" Djamgaroff, acting as the confidential advisor of the Fish Committee, sufficiently indicates its political complexion, and exposes the close liaison between the U. S. and the white guard monarchist counter-revolutionist organizations of Europe.

This same close relationship is expressed in the fact that the sister of Secretary of State Stimson is a financial supporter and active worker on behalf of Monarchist emigre organizations, is a patroness of Djamgaroff, and travels extensively in Europe on their behalf.

White Guards Prepare

In the New York State military forces, there is a special company composed of Monarchist emigres, receiving military training not only for use against striking American workers, but also for prospective future service against the Soviet Union. The capitalist press lovingly describes how many ex-princes, ex-counts, ex-dukes, and ex-generals there are serving as private soldiers in this company.

The capitalists do not have an easy task in rousing the masses against the Soviet Union. The American workers en masse have always had an instinctive sympathy for the U. S. S. R. They also have an instinctive distrust of the capitalist press. Particularly now, when they are experiencing the full glory of capitalist "prosperity" are their eyes turning more and more towards the Soviet Union and its inspiring progress.

The left social-fascist, Muste, returning recently from a trip across the country, reported that "the only subject which really arouses enthusiasm among the workers of the U. S. is the Soviet Union and its Five Year Plan." It is therefore necessary for the capitalists to find other instruments for turning the masses against the Soviet Union. These they find in the American Federation of Labor, the "socialist" party and the renegades from Communism.

A. F. L. Aids Intervention

The American Federation of Labor boasts that it is the most consistent and stubborn enemy of the Soviet Union. It rebukes some capitalist circles for their treason to capitalism in doing business with the Soviet Union. It repeats in its press every lie and slander printed anywhere in the world. It speaks from the same platform with the patriotic societies, American Legion, and other chauvinist and fascist organizations. It endorsed the Pope's attack, the Fish Committee, the Whalen forgeries, the anti-dumping campaign, the "forced labor" slander, and every preparation for war.

William Green, president of the A. F. of L., declared:

"The A. F. of L. is in harmony with the policy recently reaffirmed by the State Department. . . . Russia was charged with dumping pulpwood in our markets produced by political prisoners forced to labor in lumber camps."

Matthew Woll, vice president and anti-Soviet expert, speaking before the American Coalition of Patriotic Societies, said of the Soviet Union:

"There is in that regime something which makes it impossible for our nation to hold with it the relations common to friendly governments. She is seeking to destroy our institutions, break down our industries. . . . She is constantly sending revolutionary experts into our country illegally in the guise of trade experts, students . . . each one a courier, each a professional agitator in the cause of Communism and world-wide revolution. It must be obvious that the gold credits resulting from the dumping of goods produced by convict, forced, underpaid and under-nourished labor in the USSR, contribute an additional supply of funds readily available for the purpose of conducting Communist propaganda and subversive activities in this as well as other countries to the detriment of our democratic ideals and free institutions."

These are the same William Green and Matthew Woll who, on behalf of the three million workers in the A. F. of L. promised there would be no strikes during the economic crisis, who have accepted a twelve billion dollar wage reduction for the American workers during 1930, who actively break all strikes that occur in spite of them, who give their approval to the monstrous system of prison labor in America, to the cold-blooded shooting of prisoners as occurred a few weeks ago in the Illinois State Prison, who approve the chain gangs in the Southern U. S. where thousands of worker-prisoners are rented out by the state to private capitalists, who keep silent on the horrible lynchings of Negroes in America, who fight against all proposals for unemployment insurance for the ten million jobless.

These gentlemen have the brazen effrontery to speak of "forced labor" in the USSR and of the "free" institutions of the government that executed Sacco and Vanzetti, has kept Tom Mooney in prison for 15 years, and which is ruled by the famous "59" billionaires.

Socialists Serve Capitalism

The A. F. of L. has lost most of its moral influence among the workers, so far as the Soviet Union is concerned, because it is even more reactionary than most of the capitalist press. All the more valuable for capitalism, therefore, are the services of the "socialist" party of America. Small and weak as this party is, it is able to fill the columns of the capitalist press (not to speak of the small circulation of their own papers) with anti-Soviet slanders under the label of "socialism."

It is of great interest to us to know that the "socialist" party of America also participated actively in the anti-Soviet campaign of the Second International and the Russian Mensheviki, in the sabotage work against the Five Year Plan and the preparations for intervention. Mr. Abramovitch, plenipotentiary of the Mensheviki and executive member of the Second International, was a welcome visitor to the "socialist" party of America in 1925, 1928 and in 1930. When he arrived in New York in January last year, he immediately wrote an article for the New York Times, declaring that capitalist America was a wonderful land but that in the Soviet Union there were ten million workers unemployed. Then he appeared at a reception given by the "socialist" leaders, and delivered a speech in which he used these significant words:

"THE NEXT YEAR OR SO WILL BRING GREAT SURPRISES TO THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BECOME PERSUADED THAT THE BOLSHEVIKS WILL REMAIN IN POWER FOREVER."

Socialists Financed Anti-Soviet Sabotage

If the "great surprises" promised by Abramovitch have been, on the contrary, for the capitalists and their "socialist" agents, this is not the fault of the socialist party of America. They did their best to speed the intervention plans and finance Mr. Abramovitch's sabotage work.

Although the indignant workers broke up most of his meetings in America, he took a great deal of money away from New York. Perhaps some of it came from the same source as that testified to by Sitnin, in the "Industrial Party" trial, who arranged while in America for "commissions" on Soviet cotton purchases amounting to $400,000 per year, to finance the Industrial Party. At any rate, we know that the Jewish Socialist Verband raised $10,000 for him, because they boasted of it in their report to the socialist party congress.

The Socialist Leaders Knew of Intervention Plans

There is not the slightest doubt that the leaders of the socialist party in America knew of the sabotage work and intervention plans, including the date set by the French General Staff. They carried on an agitation even stronger than that of Kautsky. And when last November, the leaders of the Industrial Party were placed on trial before the proletarian court in Moscow, the socialist party leaders held a meeting of protest in New York. They openly declared their support of Ramzin and Co. At this very interesting meeting held in the palatial Hotel Pennsylvania, November 24, Mr. Algernon Lee presided, the Rev. Norman Thomas sent a letter of endorsement, Mr. O'Neal participated, and Mr. Morris Hillquit was the main speaker. Participating were Mr. Ingerman, representing the Russian Mensheviki, and representatives of various socialist, fascist and reactionary groups of Russian emigres.

Hillquit Attacks USSR

And what did Mr. Hillquit, "international secretary" of the socialist party, find it necessary to say when Ramzin and company were on trial? He declared:

"Soviet Russia is today guilty of acts of despotism as terrible as those in the days of Czarism, and is gradually moving away from, rather than approaching the ideal of a free democratic country. . . . Russia today is a government of a small minority which has taken advantage of special conditions to gain and hold power. It enjoys power through force and terrorism. Its reign of blood is almost as abhorrent as war among nations."

There spoke the bold interventionist, true disciple of Karl Kautsky, and equally true representative of his own class, that of the American millionaires, to which Mr. Hillquit belongs in his own right.

The "New Leader" Develops the Campaign

Is this an exceptional quotation? Not at all! The official socialist party paper, "New Leader," has developed a constantly sharpening campaign in this direction. Examine for instance the article, "The Making of Fascists," by Mr. James O'Neal, in the issue of August 2. This is so characteristic that a long quotation is justified. He says:

"Bolshevism lives on the idea of a 'permanent state of war' and so does fascism. The Communist who regards Russia as a proletarian nation will be surprised to learn that Fascists regard Italy as a 'proletarian nation waging a class struggle.' The Fascist 'combat squads' have their counterpart in Communists who have similar squads which are employed to break up meetings. The Corporative State is largely based upon occupational groupings and so is the Soviet State. If Communists appeal to Lenin as the last word in knowledge, Fascists make the same appeal to Mussolini. The catechisms, creeds, and guides issued by the Fascist Party remind one of the endless 'theses' issued by the Communist Parties. If one is required to render blind homage to Stalin, similar homage must be rendered to Mussolini. Banishment and imprisonment as punishment for Party dissent is the same in both Russia and Italy."

The Socialist Party leaders, while openly preparing for the imperialist intervention, and even speaking of an international war as being not worse than the proletarian dictatorship, at the same time declare that there is not the slightest danger of war against the Soviet Union, that this is merely an invention of Stalin to bolster up a tottering regime. The Reverend Norman Thomas writes on November 29, during the Industrial Party trial:

"Soviet Russia's charge of a European plot against her has not been supported by evidence. It seems improbable on the face of it in view of Franco-Italian controversies and other quarrels between capitalist nations."

On December 13, the "New Leader" gives its columns to an American engineer for the defense of Ramzin. It says:

"On the day when the commutation of the sentences was reported, H. W. Brooks, a consulting engineer in New York, who was with Professor Ramzin in Europe when the latter was supposed to have arranged the plot, declares that he knew nothing of such a plot. Brooks is of the opinion that the confessions were arranged by the OGPU, the soviet secret police, as a 'farce' to strengthen the Stalin dictatorship."

The Reverend Norman Thomas, in the name of socialism, assures his readers in the issue of Jan. 17, 1931, that the Soviet trade unions are merely organs of dictatorship over the workers, that "today their unions are scarcely more than company unions in relation to the state."

Fish Praises the Social-Fascists

It is no marvel, therefore, when we review the "heroic work" of the socialist party and of the American Federation of Labor, that Mr. Hamilton Fish, chairman of the notorious Fish Committee of the U. S. Congress, declared that the socialist party was a legitimate, respectable political party which should not be harmed in any way, and gave a warm testimonial to the American Federation of Labor as the principal support of American capitalism. He said:

"If it were not for the fact that the American Federation of Labor, under the patriotic leadership of William Green and his predecessor, Samuel Gompers, has refused to compromise with the Communists in the U. S. who have been trying to bore from within in order to gain control of the labor unions, Communism would be a serious threat to American industry."

The American Workers Reject the Lies

We must declare, however, that all this tremendous barrage of slanders and lies has not been sufficient to break down the instinctive sympathy for the Soviet Union held by the American working class. The workers in the "socialist" party have, in fact, begun to react sharply against this campaign of their leaders. Resolutions of protest and letters from readers of their press have been pouring in, creating a critical situation within the socialist party. As the social-fascist, Muste, declared: "The Soviet Union and its Five Year Plan, is the only subject which arouses enthusiasm among the workers today in the United States."

The "Left Wing" To The Rescue

A special role is therefore found for a "left wing" in the socialist party and the A. F. of L. This role is played by the Muste group, or Conference for Progressive Labor Action, as it calls itself. It protests mildly against "the present increase in the vigor of the anti-Russian attitude of some socialists" (New Leader, Jan. 31) and declares that it "mainfains an open mind towards the Russian experiment," proceeding therefrom to repeat all the old slanders in a more masked form. Its usefulness to capitalism is publicly recognized by the capitalist press, which opens its columns to their spokesmen day after day.

Renegades Join Anti-Soviet Front

Into this united front of war preparations against the Soviet Union, an honored place is reserved by the capitalist press for the renegades from the Communist Party. Lovestone became one of their heroes when in 1929, it was announced upon returning from Moscow that he had "escaped" from the dungeons of Stalin and the GPU.

The renegades are, for their brief moment, specially valued by the capitalists, because they carry forward the same policy under the very label of "Communism." They attempt in practice to carry out the advice given in the liberal weekly "New Republic" to "take Communism away from the Communists" in order to save capitalism. Lovestone issued the slogan: "Defend the Soviet Union by overthrowing the Stalin regime." The very slogan of defense of the Socialist Fatherland is thus to be turned into an instrument for preparing the interventionist war. And that little group of opportunists which operates under the banner of Trotsky, joins in with the cry: "The Soviet Union is under the despotism of the murderer, Stalin."

Workers Oppose War on Soviet Union

In spite of their united efforts, the capitalists and their "socialist" servants have failed to whip up any war spirit among the masses. The workers fear war, and especially are they opposed to a war against the Soviet Union. Every lie and slander repeated by the socialist and A. F. of L. leaders is cutting another of the ties binding the masses to them. The working class in America is a very favorable field for our struggle against war preparations and for defense of the Soviet Union.

Why the American Workers Must Defend the USSR

But it will be the most serious mistake if we rely upon this process taking place automatically. Almost as serious a mistake would be to rely only upon the "exposure" in words of the crimes of the social-fascists. We must find those concrete slogans and forms of struggle which will link up the struggle against war with the struggle for the everyday demands of the workers. In the U. S. we have used for this end the slogan, "Not one cent for war, all for unemployment insurance." This has proved very popular.

We must explain constantly to the workers, in a popular, easily-understood language of the workers themselves, in terms of their own life, why it is that they suffer under capitalism, and why it is that in the Soviet Union there is no economic crisis, no unemployment, a rising standard of living, full social insurane. We must explain how the workers of the Soviet Union gained their victory, what are the prerequisites for the building of socialism.

We must connect the Russian October Revolution up with the experiences of the workers in our own countries. In America, we must explain to the masses that we also, in the U. S., helped to found the Soviet State, when American workers in the interventionist army in Murmansk, fraternized with the Red Army and went over to their side. We must show how we in America have a share in the Soviet victory, through the strike of the Seattle longshoremen against leading munitions for Kolchak, through our "Hands Off Russia" committees, through our great campaign of the Friends of Soviet Russia organization during the days of the famine.

The Role of the Mass Political Strike

We must explain the role of the mass political strike in the preparation of the revolution, and show the workers how, already in the past, in our own experiences we have the beginnings of such struggles, as in the Seattle General Strike of 1919, which placed the strike committee in charge of the city for several days, and the similar experience of the same year in Winnipeg, Canada.

We must make all the problems of the development of the struggle against war, for the transformation of the imperialist war into civil war, seem intimate parts of every workers' own experience, as natural next steps in his own development and the development of the American working class. We must gather the workers into the broadest committees and groups, for discussions of achievements of the Soviet Union, the building of socialist industry, the collectivization of agriculture, the socialist organization of every phase of workers' life.

The USSR—The Workers' Fatherland

We must in all its phases contrast capitalist America with Soviet Russia and show the masses that the USSR is their Fatherland. We must rouse their class consciousness, the understanding of the historical mission of the working class, the confidence in the power of the working class to achieve this mission, and fighting energy and enthusiasm which will finally bring them into battle with the class enemy.

We must fill every worker with the conscious understanding that with the approach of the revolutionary crisis that will be precipitated by the interventionist war, he must be a working, fighting unit in the army of the proletariat, which will deliver blow after blow to the rotten structure of capitalism and over its ruins will raise up, in the countries now ruled by capitalism at the cost of the starvation of millions, those next Soviet Republics which will unite in fraternal solidarity with the existing Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

On To a Mass Party!

In the struggle against imperialist intervention, in the mobilization of the masses for this struggle, we will build our Parties into mass Parties, we will steel them in the battle, we will imbue them with the teachings of our leaders and teachers, Marx, Lenin and Stalin, and fit them to carry out these gigantic tasks which history is preparing for us in the near future.

WORKERS! ANSWER THE WAR MONGERS! DOWN TOOLS MAY 1!